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ALLOWANCE TO REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide allowance to unemployed persons registered with employment exchanges and not covered under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act due to lack of employment opportunities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the allowance is already being paid in some States by the respective Governments to registered unemployed persons;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Union Government for extension of allowance to unemployed urban youth in the other States of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): As per available information, the State Governments of Chhatisgarh, Haryana, Kerala, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Union Territory of Pondicherry are paying unemployment allowance to certain specified categories of unemployed youth.

(e): The Central Government is not in favour of payment of unemployment allowance to any category of unemployed youth as a matter of policy. The Central Government is of the view that the payment of unemployment allowance to all unemployed youth would divert substantial resources from development programmes to a non-development activity. The resources of such a magnitude should better be used for development activities which would generate substantial productive employment.